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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. 42060

NORTH AMERICAN FREIGHT CAR ASSOCIATION—PROTEST AND PETITION
FOR INVESTIGATION—TARIFF PUBLICATIONS OF THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN
AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY

Decided: May 16, 2003

In a decision served April 28, 2003, the Board reopened this proceeding to request additional submissions from the parties on specified issues. Statements are due on May 19, 2003, and replies are due on May 29, 2003. The North America Freight Car Association (NAFCA), the American Chemistry Council (ACC), and the National Industrial Transportation League (NITL) filed a request seeking a 20-day extension for filing initial statements to June 9, 2003, and a 25-day extension for replies to July 7, 2003.

NAFCA, ACC, and NITL are trying to coordinate their responses, and indicate that they are reviewing a large number of documents and seeking assistance from member companies. They submit that the significant challenges in the Board's reopening decision cannot be adequately met by May 19, 2003, and they seek an extension. They indicate that The Burlington, Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company concurs in the request. Good cause has been shown in support of the extension request, and it will be granted.

This decision will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

It is ordered:

1. The due dates for statements and replies are extended to June 9, 2003, and July 7, 2003, respectively.

2. This decision is effective on the date of service.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary